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Walter K. Jansen - First President
Elmer J. Stokes - Secretary

Walter K. Jansen served as president of the Lincoln Rotary Club for a year and eight months.

Under Walter's leadership, the young club flourished and grew. By the end of his year the club increased its membership by fifteen, making a total of 36.

Walter and Ann have had the honor of attending three International Conventions, Denver, Detroit, and San Francisco. The district conferences he has attended are too numerous to mention.

In 1950, Walter was elected to the office of Governor of Rotary District number 164. There are 37 clubs in the district and each club must be visited at least once. Walter was a busy man covering the territory, as the district includes clubs in Nevada as well as in California.

Walter's son, Jerry, served as president of the Lincoln Rotary Club the same year that Walter was District Governor, an honor which does not come to a family very often.

Walter's brother Wilfred E. "Bill" Jansen of the Auburn Rotary Club is the District Governor this year (1954-1955).

1927-1928

Fred Clark - Second President
Elmer J. Stokes - Secretary

Fred Clark was the second president of the Lincoln Rotary Club. Fred attended the International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Quoting from Mr. Clark's letter: "I registered at the opening of the Convention, gave my name, Fred Clark, and the classification 'Plum Grower.' I had to repeat it a couple of times to the girl typing the badges. The following morning, soon after the Convention opened, the Chairman of the Session called out, 'Will Mr. Fred Clark of the Lincoln, California Club please stand up! I thought, My Gosh!! Then, he announced that they had searched and searched but could not find another Rotarian among the thousands all over the world whose classification was 'Plum Grower.' 'And, Mr. Clark, how does it feel to be the only one in the world? '"

The Lincoln Rotary Club, considered to be the outstanding singing Club in Northern California. It was during Fred's year the Lincoln Club won a cup at a birthday party of the Chico Club at Richardson's Springs. The competition was keen but the Judges were unanimous in their decision and awarded the cup to Lincoln. The song which the Lincoln Rotarians sang was to the tune "Lil' Liza Jane" and the words were written by Ferd Liotta, Fred Clark and Dick Lee. Eva Brown was pianist and Dick Lee, song leader.

1928-1929

Milton Hogle - Third President
Elmer J. Stokes - Secretary

The Club had a very successful year under "Milt's" guidance.

A donation of \$102.00 was made to the society for Crippled Children. Each Rotarian was assessed \$3.00 to meet this obligation. Another donation of \$25.00 was sent to the victims of the Florida-Puerto Rico hurricane.

The Lincoln Rotarians again journeyed to Richardson's Springs to attend the birthday party of the Chico Rotary Club. Lincoln showed its "class" as a singing Club and won the cup for the second time.

Those Chico birthday parties were gala affairs. The dinner dance occurred on a Saturday evening and the next day was given over to golf for Rotarians and wives. As a rule, the entire Rotary Club attended one of these parties and everybody stayed all night.

1929-1930

Dr. Conrad C. Briner - Fourth President
Elmer J. Stokes - Secretary

Quoting from Doctor's letter:

"The honor given me as president of the Lincoln Rotary Club, was an outstanding event in my life. Our Club was noted as the "Singing Club." Meeting in the Woman's Club House and being served by the ladies of the Club, gave a setting that has never been equaled in my experience.

It was my pleasure to attend the Convention in El Paso, Texas, and Honolulu for the sectional meeting.

The meetings which stand out in my memory are the ones in which each member gave a little history of himself, his family, and his business. Sam Goldeen, who has since moved to Berkeley, gave a most graphic depiction of an Infantry Attack in France. The meetings, at which Orrin Lowell and Lowell Sparks spoke, I also vividly recall. "

Beginning January 3, 1930, the Rotarians maintained a perfect attendance for the remainder of Dr. Briner's year, a total of twenty-five consecutive 100% meetings.

1930-1931

Richard A. Lee - Fifth President
Elmer J. Stokes - Secretary

A memorable event of the year for Dick and Anne was the trip to the International Convention held in Chicago, the birthplace of Rotary. A special train was chartered for the trip for the accomodation of the Potarians and Rotary Anns. On the eve of departure, the special train stopped at Tahoe Tavern on beautiful Lake Tahoe for a dinner-dance given in honor of Harvey Lyon, the district governor elect, and his wife Eleanor. Many Rotarians and their wives from Lincoln also attended.

Dick was appointed song leader for the trip to Chicago and many happy hours were spent singing in the club car.

Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary was present at the Chicago Convention and gave the welcoming address.

Almon E. Roth, of Stanford University, was elected president of Rotary International at this convention.

The long string of consecutive 100% meetings was continued in Dick's year. It began January 3, 1930 in Dr. Briner's year and ended May 15, 1931 of Dick's year, making a total of 71 in all, 25 in Briner's year and 46 in Dick's.

Every member during that period did his best to keep up his attendance, for example:

Andy Ginocchio hurrying to Sacramento to attend Rotary was fined \$10.00 for speeding. When he informed the Sacramento president as to what had happened and why, he was fined \$2.00 for being so conscientious. The luncheon cost \$1.00 so Andy expended \$13.00 but he said it was worth it.

That same year Andy made an extended visit to Italy, where he attended Rotary Clubs in Milan, Florence, Pisa, Bologna, Venice, Rome, and Genoa, and had one meeting on ship-board. Andy and his brother traveled 20 miles on foot and by horse and mule (Andy rode the mule) over the mountains to attend Rotary in Pisa.

On March 14, 1931 a number of Lincoln Rotarians and wives attended the party the night Quincy received its charter. Governor James Rolf was the guest speaker. That party will always be a "stand-out" in Rotary parties.

1931-1932

Harry C. Gordon - Sixth President
Elmer J. Stokes - Secretary

Harry and Mabel, with Mike Brickley and wife, Florence, and Judge Dal M. Lemmon attended the Rotary International Convention in Seattle. Harry has had the privilege of attending two International Conventions and twelve District Conferences.

It was at Seattle that the Gordons met Ernesto "Aggie" Aguilar, an International Director of Rotary from Mexico City, Mexico. Aggie later visited in Lincoln and gave an address in the Civic Auditorium to the citizens of Lincoln, including in Spanish and in English. The Rotary Anns of Lincoln will never forget Aggie.

Juan Martinez del Campo, president of the Mexico City Rotary Club of Mexico, reports that Aggie at the present writing is attending the District Conference in Bogota, Colombia, representing the president of Rotary International.

1932-1933

Elmer J. Stokes - Seventh President
L. A. Wrabek - Secretary

Elmer had served as secretary of the Club since its inception, a period of six years. He had attended all of the district conferences and as a result probably knew more about Rotary than any man in the Club.

It was during his year that Jesus Arredonda was placed in the Sutter Hospital for treatment of his spine. The Sacramento Rotary Club and our Club shared expense of this treatment. Our Club expended \$1200.00. The burden had become too heavy for our small Club, so the Society for Crippled Children was asked to assume the responsibility, which it did.

When Jesus was confined in the Sutter Hospital, Elmer took the boy's parents every Sunday to visit their son.

1933-1934

L. A. Wrabek - Eighth President
Stacy S. Short - Secretary

Records of Lou's year are very meager. We were fairly well into the Depression by his year and things were not going too well. However, Lou carried on the usual activities. It was during this time that the Rotarians were becoming interested in Boy Scout work.

Two of the outstanding speakers during Lou's year were Mile Brickley from the Sacramento Junior College and Steve Barooshian from the Placer Union High School in Auburn.

As mentioned before, the effects of the Depression were being felt, hence on January 19, 1934 a resolution was adopted reducing the Club dues from \$25.00 to \$20.00.

1934-1935

Stacy Short - Ninth President
Delmar Travis - Secretary

Stacy Short remembers his year as follows, quote:

"Del Travis and I attended the Rotary District Conference at Del Monte. This was a great thrill as I was new in Rotary. The two outstanding addresses were given by Almon Roth, past president of Rotary International and Paul Reiger of San Francisco.

During the early part of my term, it was sometimes discouraging as we were still suffering from the depression. Some members felt that we should surrender our Charter. Hence, I conducted a canvass of the members by a vote on the two questions:

1. Should we surrender our Charter?
2. If not will you continue to be a member?

There were 20 members present when the vote was taken. There were 19 votes in favor of continuing Rotary and one dissenting vote. The results pleased me very much, and I am grateful for having had the pleasure of serving as President of such a fine Club."

Stacy still has the program of his inaugural meeting, a ladies' night, which lists his officers and gives a complete roster of the membership. Of the 28 members listed at that time, seven are still active in our Club.

Stacy was and still is an enthusiastic Rotarian, and has given generously of his time to Rotary work. Much credit must be given to him for keeping Rotary alive during those strenuous times.